



PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 101.0058-03000  
Customer No. 22882

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	Confirmation No.: 5309
Gary K. Michelson	)	
Serial No.: 10/802,906	)	Group Art Unit: 3733
Filed: March 17, 2004	)	Examiner: Richard R. Shaffer
For: ORTHOPEDIC IMPLANT WITH	)	
LOCKING ELEMENT (as amended))	)	

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Advisory Action of August 21, 2006 and Final Office Action of March 20, 2006, the period for reply having been extended for three months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendment to the Title** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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Amendment 8-30-06

**Amendment to the Title:**

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

-- ORTHOPEDIC IMPLANT WITH LOCKING ELEMENT ~~SKELETAL PLATING~~  
SYSTEM--